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MP for Shrewsbury



## Shrewsbury Conservative Voice

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Shrewsbury Conservative Voice, your essential gateway to the vibrant heart of local conservatism. As we embark on this exciting journey together, our newsletter promises to be more than just a source of information—it's a celebration of our community's values, achievements, and aspirations.

Each edition will bring you a rich tapestry of insights, from in-depth analyses of local and national political landscapes to inspiring stories of individuals and initiatives shaping our area. Stay informed, stay engaged, and join us in shaping the future of Shrewsbury.

The Shrewsbury Conservative Voice is not just a newsletter; it's the beginning of a conversation we're all a part of.





## ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL UPGRADE APPROVED: A NEW ERA OF HEALTHCARE IN SHROPSHIRE

Plans to improve hospital care for all our communities in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and Mid-Wales have taken a significant step forward, with full planning permission granted for the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital development. This follows the welcome news of the formal approval of the Outline Business Case and official contractor announcement which will enable the transformation of hospital services across the communities it serves.

## MP SPEARHEADS EFFORT: £5.2B FLOOD DEFENCE PLAN WITH £190M FOR SEVERN VALLEY

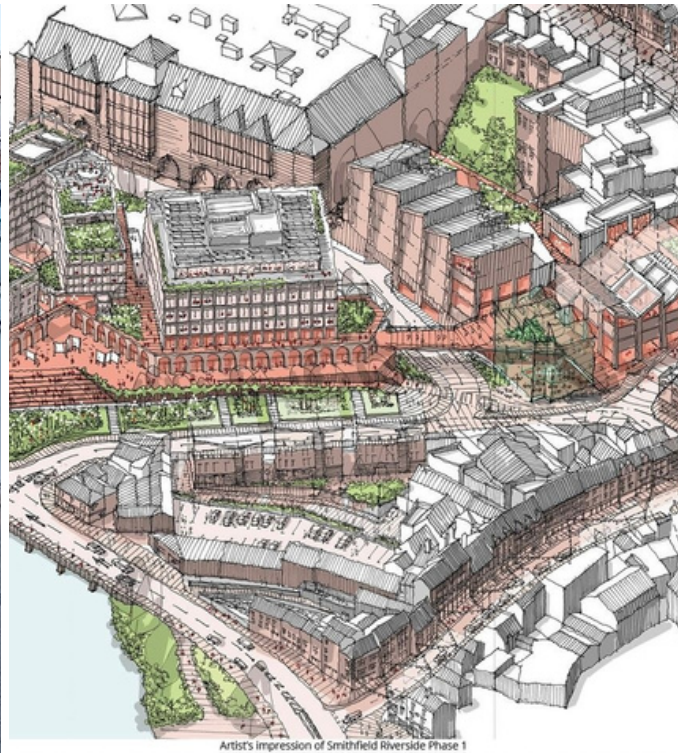
The Chancellor pledged £5.2 billion for flood defences by 2027, allocating £190 million to the Severn Valley. Additionally, a £1.5 million trial is set for regional flood planning. He advocates for innovative water management strategies in partnership with the Environment Agency and supports integrating an Environmental Innovation Zone into the Water Management Scheme.



## NEXT-GEN TRAVEL: SHREWSBURY GEARS UP FOR GREENER, FASTER RAIL WITH ENHANCED SERVICES.

Significant enhancements are happening on the Shrewsbury-Wolverhampton line, including electrification for faster, greener travel. New eco-friendly trains are on the Birmingham-Shrewsbury and Shrewsbury-London routes. From June 2024, there will be extra hourly services between Shrewsbury and Birmingham, marking progress in sustainable rail.





## REVIVING SHREWSBURY: £18.7M FOR TOWN CENTRE MAKEOVER BEGINS

The proposed demolition of the Riverside centre - and approved demolition of the former Riverside Medical Practice – is the first stage in our Smithfield Riverside regeneration project.

This will pave the way for key enabling works, clearing the site, and creating a landmark new public park adjacent to Roushill, helping to reinvigorate the area. Work will be funded by £19 million of Govt Levelling Up money.

“Exactly one year ago, I helped secure £18.7 million from the Conservative Government by lobbying them to award Shropshire Council with the money from the Levelling Up Fund to redevelop Shrewsbury’s town centre.

The town centre is the heart of Shrewsbury and the redevelopment of the Smithfield and Riverside areas means that it will continue to beat for the foreseeable future.

I am of course thrilled to read the Council’s recent announcement that the old Riverside Shopping Centre is going to close soon for demolition which will pave the way for work to commence on building our new regenerated town centre.

Well done to everyone at the Council, especially Professor Mark Barrow, who has worked so hard to start making this vision a reality!”

Daniel Kawczynski MP - Shrewsbury & Atcham





## Fresh Perspectives: Welcoming Anna Our Young Conservative Chairwoman, to the Shrewsbury Conservative Voice

My name is Anna Fairley and I am the chairperson of the Shrewsbury Young Conservatives. Since stepping into the role in September 2023 I have eagerly embraced the challenges and opportunities facing my role, and during this time I have focussed on brainstorming ideas, increasing my connections and developing my understanding on what this role requires.

Originally from Dundee, Scotland, I've called Shropshire home since the age of 7, residing in various constituencies including North and South Shropshire, and more recently Belle Vue. My love for the area has deepened over the years, and I'm committed to seeing it flourish.

To enhance my engagement and expertise, I undertook work experience at Daniel Kawczynski's office in Westminster, whilst also actively participating with events hosted by local and regional Associations that allow me to stay informed and connected within our community.

Additionally, my involvement with a local Brownie unit and previous volunteer work at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital underscores my commitment to making a positive impact and gives me a unique perspective on our constituency.

I believe that young people are critically under-represented in politics and my aim is to get as many involved as possible, to ensure our voices are heard both locally and nationally. I am currently organising an event at Shrewsbury Colleges Group for Daniel to come and speak to the Politics A-Level students ahead of the General Election that many of the students can vote in later this year.

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Anna will be giving the Shrewsbury Conservative Voice a young perspective each month as the Shrewsbury Young Conservatives Chairwoman.

If you are interested in joining the Shrewsbury Young Conservatives then please email Anna on [annafairleysca@outlook.co.uk](mailto:annafairleysca@outlook.co.uk)